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MEETING NOTICE: The Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association will meet this month on May 9 at 7:30 pm at Sabin Junior High School, 3605 N. Carefree Circle in Village Seven. Anyone interested in amateur radio is invited to attend. The program will be about that new-fangled Narrow-Band Voice Modulation jazz. (Although I suppose RTTY and CW and TV types can come too.)

A COLORADO HAMFEST will be held on Saturday, June 16 in Greeley. The event, sponsored by the Northern Colorado Amateur Radio Club, will occupy the Weld County Exhibition Building in Greeley's Island Grove Park.

Among the events scheduled are Technical Talks, a Swapfest, Commercial Exhibits, Demonstrations, and Prize Drawings. A special event will be the Colorado Code Contest to crown a code copying champion. Several special events are planned for families.

The Hamfest is scheduled to run from 9 am to 4:30 pm. Advance registration is $2 per adult; children of school age free. Registration will be $2.50 at the door. For further information and registration forms contact Gus Fox, PO Box 895, Greeley, CO 80632.

RMVHFS SWAPFEST: We will have our annual swapfest on Sunday, July 22. [Actually it's "they" and not "we"; they said "we" in their newsletter, which makes it "theirs." So don't confuse me. I'll let us know more about it next month--provided I don't have too many other things on my mind--come to think of it, there might not be a Zero Beat next month--somebody better keep some smelling-salts handy and keep reminding me to do things like eat, go to work, and type Zero Beat.

PROJECT CONCERN'S Walk for Mankind is scheduled in Colorado Springs for May 19. If you enjoy spending a day in the park or watching great throngs of thirsty, dusty, determined kids and old kids who look like they're trying out for the next Exodus movie, then give Mike Stansberry a call (KØTER). [I would find out about it now after already scheduling a visit to the minister that morning.]

YOU'D THINK this club could afford to buy me a typewriter that continued to woek prboperly after midnitgh. I don't even allow it to drink and it mistreats me terribly bad. Oh, enough. Are we done with this page yet??

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The PPRAA,meets at 7:30 pm on the second Wednesday of each month in the cafeteria of Sabin Junior High School, 3605 N. Carefree Circle.

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I WOULD LIKE to thank all of the YLs and XYLs for the baked goods for the Swapfest Bake Sale. The fellows (and gals) sure appreciated having home-made goodies to munch during the Swapfest, and many bought something to take home afterwards. Thanks to Cheri Moloney for her help with telephone calls, and a special thanks to Charlene Colvin WBØYOB and Susie WDØFXR for selling all the goodies during the Swapfest. [And I'd like to not thank them for not saving me any.]

33's to all you gals,
Lorna WDØBTF

APRIL MINUTES The April meeting of the Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association was called to order at 7:30 pm at Sabin Jr High School by President Doug Moloney WBØMHP. Frank WBØPAJ gave an update on information from the OTC for the Sports Festival. An excellent [shocking, actually] program on Electricity and Safety was given by Dan O'Sullivan from the electric company [no, not the TV show]. After a short break the drawing was held at 9:30 pm.

Treasurer's Report, David WBØSDW $650 plus $100 SERVCOM. Swapfest--Dave NØDV, Prizes have been gathered for the raffle. Food will be handled by a catering service. There will be a bake sale. The swapfest is still suffering from lack of volunteers. Field Day--DV again, The forms and check have been sent to secure our space on the Rampart Range Road. Dave needs a 6 and a 2 meter antenna. We will have three stations plus a novice station, set up hopefully in trailers. [heated trailers??] DV again--the Colo Motorcycle Trailriders Assn has three clocks that are in need of rebuilding. Anyone interested in helping with these please contact Dave. [K rna, did I read that right??] Dave Warner KAØDNO will be in charge of the Novice set-up for Field Day, and is the new chairman for the Novice Committee. CCARC--Chuck WØRNT, Next meeting will be in Colorado Springs on April 21 at 417 E. Kiowa with Ed Means WØVO helping Chuck with refreshments. SERVCOM--Bud WBØTIB, ID Cards, you will be notified if you need to get one. (Con'd)

APRIL MINUTES (con'd): WBØKSW Bill announced that there will be a county hunters contest going on April 21-22. Randy WDØHNF would like volunteers to help with a hospital message service for patients in hospitals and nursing homes. The meeting was adjourned at 10 pm.

Respectfully submitted
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TAME THAT DUCK: It seems that commercial bought rubber ducks have a few extra turns on them and you can tune your duck by putting it on a good ground plane (perhaps on a magnetic mount that has a connector that fits the duck) and feeding it with coax with an swr meter in the line. You take of the plastic tip and carefully start trimming away at the coil with heavy duty cutters and replacing the plastic tip for swr measurements, since it makes a difference. An alternative method seems to be sticking your Bird meter directly onto the HT and the duck directly onto the bird. Both these methods were used for the Mark IV Wilson with the same results--both removed 5-6 turns from the original antenna bringing the SWR from 8:1 to 1.4:1. Back on the HT, both the duck and a dummy load produced the same current draw, so one would be lead to think the duck was doing a 50-ohm job. So I guess if you've gotta use a duck, you may as well make sure its mouth isn't full of feathers.

(Preceeding info was ripped off from Bill Leahy KØZL in Denver QRZ.)

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FIELD DAY: 23-24 June. Plan to enjoy it!

52 NET: Going strong--22 check-ins last week. Whew. Join in. 7 pm Wednesdays except club nights.

SHORT--Lots been going on besides teaching novice class which is holding at 25+!! Many have taken written. Observations--Boulder newsletter lists dozen or so who are concretely working on their commvan. Denver Round Table: of 15 articles in April issue, 5 written by YLs, one written by editor. Don't get me wrong--I like to write. Wish I had time to drum up more to write about. Just remember the Zero Beat, especially next time when I'll be putting it together a matter of days before a wedding that will be needing plenty of my time. Was hoping to have a big one with open invitation to all, but have to go small for sanity's sake. Sorry. Be seeing y'all, friends.

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